



FACT SHEET

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Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve is one of the finest musical organizations in the Southeastern United States. The band travels in excess of 100,000 miles per year performing over 500 concerts extensively throughout their primary geographic area of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. The band has also performed in many overseas locations to include Russia, Italy, Turkey, Portugal, Antigua, Panama, Germany, Australia, and the Caribbean.

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve consists of sixty full time professional musicians who are assigned to perform in at least three ensembles. The two autonomous performing ensembles are the Concert Band and Reserve Generation. All members are assigned to perform in the Ceremonial and Marching Band which normally utilizes 25-40 personnel.

The 45-member Concert Band is the largest and most versatile ensemble with a repertoire that includes classical overtures, Sousa marches, Broadway show tunes and popular music favorites. Sub units of the Concert Band include the Jazz Ensemble which performs contemporary and traditional Big Band selections; Dixie Express which features the traditional sounds of New Orleans-flavored jazz; the Bagpipe Band which performs in authentic Scottish attire; and the Brass and Woodwind Quintets which feature a variety of chamber music literature.

Reserve Generation, which operates independently from the Concert Band, is a nine member popular music combo that performs primarily at festivals, high schools, and military socials. They also have a special show they perform throughout the United States specifically for fifth and sixth grade students to promote counter drug awareness called "Drug-Free."

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve prides itself on its American heritage and the opportunities to represent America in the international arena. In May, 1992 the band became the first foreign military band to parade through Red Square in Moscow, Russia during the Peace Victory Parade. They were also the only foreign band to perform in the fiftieth celebration of the Victory in Europe Day Parade in St. Petersburg, Russia in May of 1995.

All members of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve are full time professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.